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LOCAL FARM LABOR WORKER APPOINTED

Appointment of John W. Benton to work in Coffee County and assist farmers in getting help they need for production and harvesting this year is announced by County Agent Hugh D. Sexton. His work will be under the supervision of the county agent and by authority of a recent act of Congress to attain maximum production and harvesting on farms until this war is won.

Mr. Benton was selected after a careful study of the work to be done. He will start by ascertaining from farmers the help they need, what for, and when. At the same time he is contacting people who are available for farm work now or in the future, including tenants and croppers.

The county agent declared that food is the No. one essential in a war. "To win battles armies must be well fed and food comes from farms," he said. To produce this food farmers must have enough help, plus land, equipment, feed and fertilizer.

Consequently, people who work on farms in producing and saving food are in war service. The demand for food is increasing almost daily. Further increases are expected as war progresses and more people abroad turn to the United States for their daily bread.

With more able bodied men being called into the armed service and into war industries, farming must depend more and more on the women and children on the farms and in towns and cities. Already many non-farm people are doing satisfactory farm work.

All farmers who want help are urged to fill out and return the questionnaire which is being mailed to them.

DR MIDDLEBROOKS TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Dr. Acton E. Middlebrooks, editor and business manager of The Alabama Christian Advocate, will preach at the Elba Methodist Church next Sunday morning, June 6, at eleven o'clock.

Dr. Middlebrooks served in the Methodist pastorate before taking over editorship of the paper and is a minister of great ability. Methodists as well as all other people of Elba are cordially invited and urged to be present Sunday morning for this service.

SCONYERS-PAYNE—

Friends in the county will be interested to hear of the marriage of Miss Mildred Sconyers, former assistant home agent in Coffee and recent home agent in Bullock County, to Mr. Willis Payne, of Pensacola, Fla.

The marriage took place in Headland last Friday afternoon. Among those attending were: Miss Mamie B. Mathews, Miss Fannie Kelley of Troy, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. King.

Mrs. Annie King and Miss Anita King, of Andalusia, visited relatives in Elba last week.

THOMAS, BRYAN, WHO RECEIVED HIS B. S. DEGREE AT HOWARD COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM, LAST MONDAY, IS SPENDING SOME TIME AT HOME WITH HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. T. B. BRYAN. LATER IN THE MONTH HE WILL TAKE UP NAVAL DUTIES, HAVING RECENTLY ENLISTED IN THAT BRANCH OF THE SERVICE.

Mrs. W. L. Walsh is convalescing at her home, after an operation at a Dothan hospital last week. Friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Moore returned to their home in Arcadia, Fla., Saturday after spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, Kinston, Route 1.

Cpl. Clayton Taylor, of Harding Field, La., spent several days in Elba last week with relatives and friends.

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There are many services you can get absolutely free at our station. We see that your tires are properly inflated, your battery has plenty of water, your windshield and other glass are cleaned, and many other such services—all this costs you nothing.

You get more than your money's worth in our washing and lubricating service. KOOLMOTOR Gasoline and Oil are always dependable. Be sure to call us for better service.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1943

ELBA SCHOOLS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL SESSION

The commencement exercises last Friday night, May 28, brought to a close one of the most successful terms of the Elba Public School. The auditorium was filled to capacity to hear the address brought by H. A. Dixon, Minister of Highland Street Church of Christ of Jackson, Tenn.

The largest class in the history of the High School graduated at this session and diplomas were awarded by Supt. J. C. Dixon at the close of the exercises to those who have completed the courses.

A summer session was started this week with Mrs. Roberta Childs, Mrs. Louise Lovell and Mrs. Kate Ham as teachers. About twenty-five have enrolled for summer classes.

CHARTS WERE USED IN FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Illustrated charts, showing the functions of various foods in building and maintaining the health of the human body lent emphasis to the schools of vegetable cookery held at the meetings of women's home demonstration clubs in May.

Different vegetables were chosen for these demonstrations with health-giving properties preceding the choices of tastiness and pleasing appearance. During the month of June the women will hear how to supply the family's desire for sweets without exhausting the rationed supply of sugar. Suggestive desserts will compose the study.

A total of 419 women attended the May meetings.

MR. AND MRS. LEE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Lee celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 30, at their home on the hill, on the eastern outskirts of Elba. A host of children and grandchildren were present to enjoy this happy reunion of one of the county's largest pioneer families. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Ellis, Opp; Mr. Alpheus Lee Ellis, Vauchula, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis and little daughter, Wanda Sue, Opp; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Lee, Enterprise; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Clark, Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hause, Auburn; Mr. Charles Lee Clark, Elba; Mr. Willie Ben Lee and daughter, Miss Henrietta, Mobile; Mr. Charlie Pete Lee, Montgomery; Captain Mr. Jackson said it was grown on poor sandy land with very little rain.

LARGE CABBAGE

Mr. B. F. Jackson, who lives on Hickman Avenue, West Elba, brought a head of cabbage to The Clipper office Tuesday that had a leaf spread of over three feet, and the head measured eight inches in diameter. Mr. Jackson said it was grown on poor sandy land with very little rain.

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ELBA SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE DOING THEIR BIT

The children of the Elba school in addition to buying stamps and bonds, collecting scrap iron, rubber and hose, have collected and prepared according to directions, 7,196 tin cans to be turned over to the government for use in the manufacture of war equipment. These facts show that they are backing our boys, wherever they are, on the fighting front.

All of the children of the school participated in this tin can drive and they, with their teachers, are responsible for the success of the drive. Prizes of \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1.00 in defense stamps were awarded by the P. T. A. to the three children bringing in the most tin cans. Children to whom the prizes were awarded are: Doryne Patterson, 650 cans, \$2.50 in defense stamps; Celia English, 423 cans, \$1.50 defense stamps; Jeff Canley III, 335 cans, \$1.00 defense stamps.

Other children who collected and prepared over one hundred cans are named here with their grade and number of cans: Jack Padgett, 2nd, 327; John E. Morrow, 5th, 308; Dorothy J. Willis, 5th, 304; Bobby Farris, 6th, 299; Kenneth King, 2nd, 281; Pete Morrow, 2nd, 267; Ben Johnson, 4th, 261; Gus McCall, 1st, 210; Andy Kimmy, 1st, 209; Terrell Nalls, 5th, 207; Bert English, 1st, 177; Brett Turner, 4th, 165; Billy Bynum, 1st, 151; Donald Byrd, 1st, 146; Bobby Ham, 5th, 141; Fo y Blue, 5th, 141; Floyd McCollough, 2nd, 137; Curtis Jones, 1st, 133; Frazer Ringsdorf, 2nd, 112; Judy Mims, 2nd, 111; Mary J. Jackson, 4th, 105; Harry Jacobs, 1st, 101; Kimmy Ham, 1st, 101.

Although school will not be in session during the summer months, the tin can drive must continue. Because of transportation difficulties and the conservation of gasoline and rubber, a means by which the cans can be picked up at the home has not been worked out.

Where for the time being citizens of America, save and prepare your tin cans and bring them to the stores where you trade during the summer months? If there is no container for these cans in the store, please call this to your groceryman's attention and I am sure one will be provided.

Please continue to bring in your old silk hose (no rayon hose wanted) and leave them at Martin's store.

Mrs. A. C. Dunaway, Chm. Local Salv. Drive.

MISS NUNN AND MR. McLENDON WED—

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Mrs. Calra Smith last Thursday received a letter from her son, Clemmie D. Smith, stating that he was in a hospital. The nature of his illness was not stated. His Elba friends trust that he may soon be fully recovered. He is stationed somewhere in the South Atlantic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yates, who have made their home here for the past several months, while he was connected with the Pea River National Farm Loan Association as secretary-treasurer, left last week for Florence to make their home. Mr. Yates will be employed at the Reynolds Metal Company in Sheffield. Many friends will regret their departure.

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1943 LEGUME SEED PURCHASE PROGRAM

County farmers are urged by Mr. M. F. McCollough, Chairman, A.A.A. county committee, to harvest and sell as much seed as possible from the pastures and winter legume crops grown on their farms this year.

In addition to the seed purchase program planned for this year the War Food Administration has recently announced a program for the purchase of several other varieties of pasture and legume seed in an effort to make available sufficient quantities of seed to meet wartime demand for increased acreages of forage crops. Among the varieties of seed grown and to be purchased in the War Food Administration is blue lupine.

Mr. McCollough said farmers harvesting seed from the pastures and winter legume crops grown on the farms will be well paid for their efforts since the A.A.A. will purchase them at the count of the Commodity Credit Corporation at from 50 to 65 cents a pound depending upon the type and grade offered for sale.

Farmers were also reminded by Mr. McCollough that there is an A.A.A. conservation practice payment of \$3.00 per acre up to two acres or two per cent of the cropland, whichever is the larger, for growing and harvesting legume and grass seed.

Full information concerning the types of seed most desired, prices for each grade and type, and other factors concerning the purchase of the seed by the government, may be obtained from the Coffee County A.A.A. office.

MT. GILEAD CLUB MET WITH MRS. HATTAWAY

Mr. Gilead club women met with Mrs. Pastene Hattaway on Friday, May 7, for their monthly meeting. Miss Mamie B. Mathews gave a very interesting lesson on cookies to 15 members and several visitors. We also talked about gardens and doing Red Cross work. Several members agreed to do sewing for the Red Cross.

The meeting adjourned to meet next month with Mrs. Willie Pearl English. The lesson will be "Lesser Desserts." Refreshments were served.

Pastene Hattaway, Rep.

V. GARDENERS URGED TO SAVE VEGETABLES

Auburn, Ala. — Surplus foods are appearing soon in many victory gardens which offer an opportunity for housewives to start early with a consistent all-season program of canning surplus produce while it is at its most desirable stage.

The victory garden campaign includes an appeal to pressure cooker owners to make them available for use by as many neighbors as possible, either by lending them freely or by installing them at a school, church, clubroom, or Red Cross quarters where they can be kept working for a whole neighborhood.

Inexperienced canners will do well to get instructions and time-tables for processing either from the local county home agent or from the Alabama Extension Service, Auburn.

A milk cow should be allowed to "go dry" about six weeks before calving.

The production of fruits by plants is believed to require day-and-night changes in temperature.

LIBERTY NEWS

May 23, 1943.

Dear Editor: We guess everyone is feeling fine this beautiful morning. Oh, this is such a fine season of the year! The forests are so beautiful, the flowers fill the air with fragrance, the gardens are so pretty and useful. There is plenty to eat—Irish potatoes are fine, beans, cabbage are nice and we will soon have peas. Two weeks ago we had a fine rain.

Now, if you can't tell the crops are growing just spend a week off from home. You will not believe your own eyes, for I left home Tuesday and got back Saturday. Mrs. Boland and I spent the week with Mrs. H. W. Morrow.

I have been sick for some time but have gotten so I can travel again so you can look for me most any time I can catch a way. Oh, it is so fine to be where you can go. Lots of friends have seen to see me. Some have written me and to go to see them the first chance I have.

Henry Galloway got hurt in the war. He is at the hospital. He is at home now. We regret his injury so much as he is one of our best boys—so good and kind. We wish for him a quick recovery.

We see sorrows on cotton. It will soon be blooming. It has got to move or peanuts will get the crown. Oh, well, it is like all things, sooner or later it will fall.

I guess not many got to Liberty yesterday evening. The rain was heavy. Crops are looking fine. Nearly time to lay by corn. You see, the wheel of time is still moving fast. The new year will soon be half gone and not so much done. God said in His Word that if His people would humble themselves before Him, He would pour out such a blessing they would not be able to bear. Think of the boys overseas, then beg the people to go to church. But it seems like we will not be humble. I see fathers and mothers, bid their sons good bye, still they do not seem to care enough about their sons to gather and worship. Oh, it is a shame.

Mrs. Clifton Mills has been quite sick. We learn she is much improved. Mr. Kelly Morrow has been sick for some time. She fell and broke her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eiland and family moved with us Sunday. Their son, Malcolm, of Columbus, Ga. was with them. He came home to help a few days on the farm and then returned to his father's sickness. His father is well now and will visit a few days with us and return to his work in Columbus the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beck and two little sons, Joel and Milan, spent the week-end with us. Also Mrs. Dot Foyle Bryant spent the week-end with us.

Don't forget the old. Best wishes to everyone.

H. I. Boland.

Marking a sweeping concession to victory gardeners, Federal restrictions on use of rotenone insecticides have been removed for small buyers. On small packages of one pound, one pint, or less the buyer no longer must limit his use of rotenone to a small specified list of vegetable crops and insect pests.

Mortgages and Rent Notes for sale at the Rent Office.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Agnes Carpenter, Complainant, vs. Emmett Carpenter, Respondent.
Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, In Equity, Elba Division.

To Emmett Carpenter: You will take notice that Agnes Carpenter has filed bill of complaint against you in this Court, you are therefore notified to appear, plead, answer or demur to said bill within the time allowed by law or its allegations will be taken as confessed.

This the 1st day of June, 1943.
GLADYS CLARK, Register.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
(Revised by Western Newspaper Union)

Lesson for June 6

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PETER COMFORTS PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT—1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-16; 5:8-10.
GOLDEN TEXT—For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil-doing.—1 Peter 3:17.

What shall we do? Where shall we turn? Is there no help for us? Such are the natural and understandable cries of those who bear the heavy burden of persecution. God's Word has the answer, for from the beginning the followers of Christ have had to meet that problem.

Christ is especially the apostle of comfort, and the portion now before us is rich in helpful instruction. His will to persecuted people is fivefold.

I. Do Not Be Afraid—Christ is Lord (2:13-17).
By doing good the Christian will escape much suffering (v. 13), but if even then it comes, he is not to be afraid (v. 14). He is to satisfy Christ in his heart, that is, fully recognize the holiness of Christ and all that He is and can do for him. This is to be done in his heart. That means the exercise of full faith in Christ the Lord as the individual Presence. Who then can be afraid? Note that this is not just a subjective spiritual exercise for his own enjoyment—it will show in his "good works" (v. 15) which will put his persecutors "to shame" (v. 16). How effectively that has worked only recently in Germany, Norway and elsewhere.

II. Do Not Be Surprised—the Enemy Will Attack (4:12, 13).
Surprise attack is effective. Remember Pearl Harbor! Satan is an expert in strategy, and is eager to keep Christians in an easy and comfortable mood, so that he may strike a vicious blow when it is not expected. We best prepare to meet him when we recognize that persecution and suffering will come.

We are to bear in mind that it is not some "strange thing" which has happened to us, but that we as Christians are "partakers of Christ's sufferings" (v. 14). Joy and glory are ahead.

III. Do Not Be Ashamed—You Suffer for Christ (4:14-16).
Sadness and depression rest upon the one who suffers for his own evil deeds, but those who suffer for Christ's sake may be ever rejoicing. Christ will not see that "the spirit of glory and the Spirit of God" are resting (v. 14) even now on some who sit in prisons and concentration camps? What a glorious picture of His grace!

It is proper to observe here that the believer is not to be guilty of that which justly brings the law's condemnation (v. 15). Do not fall to note the list of the list of crimes—"meddler in other men's matters," "in trouble in the church, and harmed its testimony before the world!" Let's quit meddling!

IV. Do Not Worry—Be Careful for Your Souls (5:7, 8).
Peculiar Worry! How it does crowd itself into our thinking. Yes, we know we are Christians, that we are unjustly accused or persecuted, that we are suffering for Christ's sake. That's all true, but how is it all come? What about my family? Will they harm my children? Will I do survive will I be able to start life anew? And so on and on and on and on, and soon comes the corroding touch of worry.

What shall we do? The answer is plain. Cast all your care on Christ—"He careth for you" (v. 7). That takes an act of faith just as it does to become a Christian in the first place, but it works.

The cure for all anxiety is right there—but it can only be reached by the path of humility. "Humble yourselves" (v. 6). There is the gateway to comfort, and to the exaltation in God's own good time (cf. Jas 4:10).

V. Do Not Waver—God Is Your Strength (5:8-10).
Steady, perfected, established in Christ, sure of his eternal destiny and with the eyes of faith seeing the glory to come—such is the man who is ready and able to meet the devil when, like a roaring lion, he seeks to disturb and devour God's people. The believer should be ready and equipped.

That does not mean that the Christian sits with his hands folded waiting in a fatalistic way for the inevitable to happen. Never! He is "on the alert" with his spiritual ears attuned to hear the approach of the enemy's "bombers." He is "sober and watchful" against the "roaring lion" (v. 8).

Satan is unusually busy in our day. Alert Christians see his deadly onslaughts on their brethren, which are possibly more severe now than for many years. He is seeking to break them down physically, mentally and spiritually, to make them fearful, to make them timid about work for Christ, to limit their usefulness, and to steal from them their victorious assurance. He is busy—let us be alert against him.

Alaska Food Supply Menaced by Wolves

Reindeer Herds Reduced By Attack of Beasts.

NOME.—Down out of the mountains, wolves are threatening the wartime food supply of the Alaskan Arctic.

In less than 10 years, the wolves have reduced reindeer herds of Alaska Eskimos from 500,000 animals to 170,000 and still are slaughtering at the herds forming this region's one food supply which still would be available in case of isolation or invasion of the territory.

A Sidney Ross, director of the U. S. Reindeer service at Nome, said in an interview recently: "Wolves are solely responsible for the depletion of the reindeer. They have accomplished this by two methods—direct, bloody attacks on the herds and constant pursuit of the animals so that they are driven away from their food supply and starve."

The threat to the reindeer became of paramount importance to this area with the declaration of war. Reindeer meat always has been a winter staple for such towns as Nome, Kotzebue, Teller, Wainwright and Barrow, and it is still unobtainable by ship during the winter months. With the influx of war refugees the demand was greatly increased.

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WISDOM REUNION

On May 16, relatives assembled at the Wise old home place in Victoria community for their annual family reunion. Due to the shortage of tires and gas and to boys away in military service, the usual crowd was decreased considerably. About 75 were present.

The morning was spent in greeting relatives and in friendly conversation. At the noon hour a bountiful basket dinner was served under the oak trees which everyone enjoyed.

The afternoon was spent in music and singing and group conversation. Those who attended the reunion were: Relatives living in Victoria—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin, Enterprise; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Capps, Newville; Mr. M. L. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Himby, and Mr. J. V. Wise, Columbus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wise, Mrs. Rex Wise, Mr. Jack Wise, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and family of Dothan; Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Ralph Michael of Urbana, Ill.

Everyone enjoyed the day and all are looking forward to this occasion next year.—Contributed.

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ELBA AND BRANTLEY

The two-price system as it now operates is working against farmers in two ways, says P. O. Davis, director of the Extension Service of A. P. I. He says that he will do all he can to correct this situation and insists that the system should work fairly in both directions.

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